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SUBJ: DUTCH VIEWS-DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT

REF: THE HAGUE 614

1. DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAUW STATED IN PARLIAMENT
FEBRUARY 23 THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR GON TO ISOLATED ITSELF
WITHIN NATO BY REJECTING THE NEW WEAPON UNTIL DISCUSSIONS
IN NATO WERE COMPLETED. HE INDICATED THAT GON WOULD TRY TO
PERSUADE NATO TO USE THREAT OF ITS POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT AS BAR-
GAINING COUNTER IN MBFR TALKS. DEFENSE MINISTER KRUISINGA,
HOWEVER, ALREADY ON RECORD AS PERSONALLY OPPOSING THE
ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON, BROKE RANKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT
POSITION. HE DECLARED THAT GON WOULD DO ITS BEST
TO PREVENT INTRODUCTION OF THE WEAPON.
DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT IS TO RESUME ON FEBRUARY 28 WITH
THE POSSIBILITY OF A VOTE ON AN OPPOSITION MOTION REQUIRING
THE GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE ITSELF FOR OR AGAINST ENHANCED
RADIATION WEAPONS. VAN DER KLAUW HAS URGED REJECTION OF SUCH
A MOTION.

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2. AT QUEENS TRADITIONAL NEW YEARS DINNER SAME EVENING, VAN
DER KLAUW TOLD CHARGE HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT GOVERNMENT
WOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD POSITION HE HAD TAKEN IN PARLIAMENT.
HE ADDED THAT HE HAD FOUND SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON ENHANCED
RADIATION WEAPON MOST CONSTRUCTIVE AND THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE
TO DRAW ON IT TO GOOD PURPOSE IN CABINET DISCUSSIONS.
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